

End 64 to beginning of 68 AD

Peter & Paul were killed.

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64 AD to 67 AD

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Tradition holds that St Peter  
was crucified upside down in  
NERO's Circus near Vatican Hill.

His body was given to friends, and  
he was buried close by

64AD

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Nero sets fire to Rome. He accuses  
the Christians.

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Martyrdom of St. Paul & St. Peter.

64 (19 July)

The great fire that ravished Rome in 64 further damaged Nero's standing. It broke out in the neighborhood of the CIRCUS

MAXIMUS on 19 July and spread rapidly to leave only 4 of the city's 14 regions untroubled.

Nero was at ANTIVM when fire began, but hurried back as soon as scale of disaster became clear. He organized relief measures, opened public bldgs as temporary shelters and provided cheap grain once flames were out.

he gave funds for restoration work & issued strict regulations to reduce the risk of further recurrence.

Few people were fooled when he blamed the fire on Christians

the conspiracy of Gaius Calpurnius Piso  
was a direct result of the resumption  
of treason trials, exile, executions, suicides  
which spread fear and resentment  
in court and senatorial circle



Peter & Paul suffered martyrdom in Rome

Origen said that Peter was crucified head downward at his own request.

The Cathedral of Peter claimed to enshrine his bones.

After the fire, when the debris had been cleared away Nero undertook with visible pleasure the restoration of the city along the lines of his dream. Contributions for this purpose were solicited from every city in the Empire, and those whose homes had been destroyed were enabled to rebuild out of these funds. The new streets were made wide and straight. Antiquarians and old men missed the picturesque, semi-

hallowed sights of the old city, but soon  
all agreed that a healthier, safer, and  
fairer Rome had risen from the fire.

Titus married Marcia FUMILLA  
They had a daughter named  
FLAVIA JULIA.

64AD.

A great fire raged for nine days,  
destroying more than half of Rome.  
Roman historian Tacitus wrote of it.

64AD

Great Fire at Rome,  
Attributed to Christians  
The Neronic Persecution

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St. Peter the Apostle died.

His name was Symon (Simon)

AD 64

Great fire of Rome.

Burned everything between the  
Caelian and Palatine and Esquiline, but  
it was born to the city, for Nero  
rebuilt the region with broader  
streets and great buildings  
~~Reconstructed~~